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SUBJECT: TUCP INVOLVES GEORGE MEANY IN THE PLIGHT OF THE TWO
FILIPINA NURSES

1. THE DAILY EXPRESS REPORTED ON AUGUST 18 THAT TUCP
PRESIDENT BERT OCA HAD RECEIVED A CABLE FROM GEORGE MEANY,
PRESIDENT OF THE AFL-CIO, STATING THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD
BEGIN AN INQUIRY ABOUT THE TWO NURSES BEING HELD FOR MULTIPLE
MURDER IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. MEANY'S CABLE WAS IN REPLY TO AN AUGUST 4 LETTER OCA
SENT TO MEANY REQUESTING HIS ASSISTANCE. OCA'S LETTER
RECALLED THAT IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR WHEN FREEDOM AND
JUSTICE ARE BEING CELEBRATED IN THE U.S. IT WAS FITTING
THAT OCA REQUEST THAT JUSTICE FOR THE TWO ACCUSED NURSES
BE ASSURED. OCA TOLD MEANY THAT THERE WERE MANY FILIPINA
NURSES IN THE US AND THAT ALL OF THEM WERE CAREFULLY
SELECTED FOR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR FILIPINOS TO BELIEVE THAT THE NURSES
COULD BE GUILTY AS CHARGED, HE SAID. MEANY'S MESSAGE
ADVISED OCA THAT HE WOULD LET HIM KNOW THE RESULTS OF HIS
INQUIRY.

3. COMMENT: OCA TOLD LABATT THAT THIS EXERCISE WAS
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NOT THE RESULT OF A MEETING OF THE TUCP EXECUTIVE BOARD.

HE WAS RESPONDING TO MEMBERSHIP PRESSURES HE HAD BEEN
RECEIVING ABOUT THE NURSES. REGARDLESS OF THE STIMULUS
IN THIS MATTER, OCA CAN BE CREDITED WITH A PLUS. THIS
IS THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME THAT OCA AND THE TUCP
HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED ON THE RIGHT SIDE (FOR
FILIPINOS) OF A HOT PUBLIC ISSUE.
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